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Dear Sirs:

After careful consideration of the facts, I think that the proposed settlement with Microsoft is preposterous. The Department of Justice under George W. Bush has simply buckled to the interests of BIG business. Where is the justice?

Over the years Microsoft's business practices have not been just overly aggressive. They have been outright criminal. Microsoft has continually (and illegally) crushed competition and stifled innovation by parlaying their monopoly in operating systems to make themselves the only game in town, not only in operating systems, but increasingly in internet browsers, email programs, productivity software, etc.

Because of its unscrupulous practices, Microsoft controls the desktop PC market and is pushing to make the Internet its sole domain as well. Thanks to your flaccid efforts at pursuing justice, that day is now in the closer than ever.

Even more importantly however, once again, as is so typical in the US legal system, a wealthy defendant has apparently purchased the verdict. The lesson learned from this is that, if you're going to be a criminal, be a very successful criminal. Then you won't have to actually pay for your crimes.

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